



# ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The school has used the DfE non-statutory guidance on school uniform and agrees with the guidance given in the DfE booklet which states: 'The school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The Department strongly encourages schools to have a uniform as it can instil pride; support positive behaviour and discipline; encourage identity with, and support for, school's ethos; ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils. The Department also encourages schools to have a very clear position about appearance such as hair colour, style and length and the wearing of jewellery and make-up.

## Introduction

- 1.1 It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.
- 1.2 Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
  - promotes a sense of pride in the school;
  - engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
  - is practical and smart;
  - identifies the children with the school;
  - prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
  - makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
  - is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
  - is designed with health and safety in mind.

## Jewellery/Makeup

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are:

- ear-ring studs in pierced ears
- small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or Sikh Kara We ask the children to remove these objects during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons. The school advises parents who wish their children to have their ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the school holidays.

- Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.
- No Make - up or nail polish is permitted

### Extreme haircuts

- The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children.
- Hairstyles and haircuts which are deemed too extreme such as tramlines, stars, shaved heads (No shorter than a number 2), extreme patterns 'V' styles, Mohican cuts, or dyed, tipped or dipped hair are also forbidden. Pupils with longer than shoulder hair should also tie it back for safety reasons.

### Footwear

- The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school.
- Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear black shoes as stated in the uniform list.
- In winter time, winter black shoes or black boots may be worn – fashionable boots like Ugg boots are not allowed to be worn in school. Children coming to school during the winter months who wear boots should bring with them black school shoes or black plimsolls or slippers (not large character slippers) to change into.
- In Summer, suitable sturdy sandals not flip flops should be worn

### The role of parents

- We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.
- If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests.

### The role of governors

- The governing body supports the head teacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents regarding the uniform policy and liaises with the head teacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.
- It is the governors' responsibility to ensure that the school uniform meets all regulations concerning equal opportunities.
- Governors ensure that the school uniform policy helps children to dress sensibly, in clothing that is hardwearing, safe and practical.

- The governing body monitors and reviews the school uniform policy through its committee work by considering requests from parents for individual children to have special dispensation with regard to school uniform;

## Uniform

ALL UNIFORM MUST BE NAMED SO WE CAN RETURN LOST PROPERTY TO THE CHILDREN EASILY AT THE END OF EVERY HALF TERM IT IS THEN DONATED TO CHARITY

The School Uniform is available through the school website:

- Grey trousers and plain blue, grey or black socks
- Grey school skirt or pinafore
- Charcoal grey/ black/navy/white woollen tights or socks
- White POLO shirt preferably with the school logo or long sleeved or short sleeved blouse or shirt
- Navy jumper or cardigan or sweatshirt preferably with school logo

## In summer

- Blue and white or yellow and white gingham dresses
- White polo shirt with school logo and grey trousers or shorts NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material and 'cut', not sportswear or fashion styles.
- The school discourages any child wearing expensive fashion coats/jackets since the school cannot take responsibility for loss or damage of items of clothing.

## PE kit:

- Black pumps or trainers for outside use
- Blue PE shorts
- Yellow round necked school T-shirt with logo
- Navy or Grey or Black tracksuit bottoms for the winter months (for outside use)

The PE kit should be brought to school on a Monday morning and may be taken home on Friday afternoon. All items of clothing – including shoes and wellingtons – should be clearly marked with the child's name.